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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S SPEECH FOR WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE

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1. SWISS TELEVISION EVENING FEBRUARY 11 AND PRESS MORN-
ING FEBRUARY 12 INCLUDED IN COVERAGE OF OPENING WASHING-
TON ENERGY CONFERENCE REPORT ATTRIBUTED GOS SOURCES
THAT NON-INVITATION OF SWITZERLAND TO WASHINGTON
CONFERENCE WAS NOT CONSIDERED MATTER OF GREAT CONCERN.
PRESS REPORT NOTED THAT CONFERENCE COULD LEAD TO POLITI-
CAL ACTIONS IN WHICH NEUTRAL SWITZERLAND WOULD NOT WISH
BE INVOLVED. WHILE NOTING CONTACTS ESTABLISHED
WITH PRODUCERS AND OTHER COUNTRIES, REPORT REITERATES
SWISS BELIEF IN MULTILATERAL APPROACH TO SOLVING CURRENT
ENERGY PROBLEM. POINT ALSO MADE THAT SWITZERLAND
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IMPORTS SOME 14 MILLION TONS PER YEAR OF OIL AND PRODUCTS.

2. AMBASSADOR LANGUETIN OF SWISS DIVISION OF COMMERCE TOLD EMBOFF FEBRUARY 12 THAT HE DID NOT KNOW BASIS FOR PRESS REPORT PARA 1 ABOVE. HE NOTED THAT GOS HAD LARGELY REFRAINED FROM PUBLIC STATEMENTS RE ENERGY SITUATION BUT CONFIRMED CONTINUING STRONG SWISS ATTACHMENT TO MULTI-LATERAL APPROACH. LANGUETIN WAS VERY NEGATIVE RE USE OF UN AS FORUM TO SEEK TIMELY AND DECISIVE ACTION IN ENERGY AREA AND REPEATED VIEW EXPRESSED PREVIOUSLY THAT SWISS BELIEVED WASHINGTON CONFERENCE WAS VERY USEFUL INITIATIVE. HE NOTED THAT GOS HAD MADE VIEWS KNOWN THROUGH SWISS EMBASSY WASHINGTON PRIOR CONFERENCE (AS WELL AS THROUGH AMEMB BERN) AND THOUGHT THAT SWISS APPROACH WAS CLOSE TO THAT OF US WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF EMPHASIS ON TWO-TRACK WAY OF PROCEEDING WITH CERTAIN TOPICS BEING DEALT WITH ONLY BY INDUSTRIAL CONSUMER COUNTRIES, WHILE OTHERS COULD EVENTUALLY BE SUBJECT OF TRIPARTITE CONSIDERATION BY INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES, PRODUCERS, AND LDCS.

3. LANGUETIN SAID HE AND OTHER GOS OFFICIALS WOULD CAREFULLY STUDY SECRETARY'S OPENING SPEECH AND RESULTS WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE AND LOOKED FORWARD TO FUTURE EXCHANGES OF VIEWS WITH US.

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